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TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR, GW  
SUBJECT: SOVIET REACTION TO PREVIEW OF MBFR PROPOSAL

1. DURING MEETING WITH FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH, POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET REACTION TO PREVIEW OF NEW PROPOSAL IN MBFR.
2. RUTH INDICATED SOVIETS GENERALLY TAKE CAUTIOUS APPROACH WHEN ANYTHING NEW IS PRESENTED AND WE SHOULD NOT LET THEIR INITIAL REACTION BE CAUSE FPR CONCERN.
3. OF IMPORTANCE, RUTH STATED, IS THAT THE INITIATIVE DEMONSTRATED TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT NATO IS AN ORGANIZATION CAPABLE OF ACTING AND REACTING AND THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY OFFERED US A CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE NATO UNITY AT A TIME WHEN THERE APPEARS TO BE A PUBLIC IMAGE OF DISARRAY.  
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